

HEADING OUT WEST



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Alex Stepheson became the sole non-graduating Tar Heel to leave the team this offseason when he decided to move closer to home to be near his family. Arizona State and the University of Southern California are said to be Stepheson's first choices for next season.

# Starting five hoopsters return

BY RACHEL ULLRICH  
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Statements released by the University athletic department on the UNC men's basketball trio's return to Chapel Hill had one thing in common:

These guys want the championship.

"I am looking forward to working toward our goal of winning a national championship," junior Wayne Ellington said.

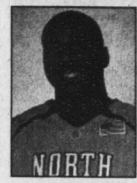
Sixth-man Danny Green's release contained much of the same, and Ty Lawson, too, "looks forward to trying to win a national championship."

A trip to the Final Four in Detroit has become the expectation for this Tar Heel team, which boasts not only the three returners, but also National Player of the Year Tyler Hansbrough and an always-strong supporting cast.

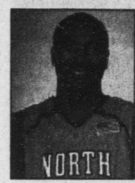
After all, each of the players says that's what he came back to do.

That's what the fans expect - they expected it last year.

And it seems that's what the pundits also portend - the same who determine the preseason rankings, and every ranking every week after that.



Ty Lawson said he would return for his junior year if he were not guaranteed a first-round pick.



Wayne Ellington decided to return to UNC after working out for several NBA teams.



Playing in Europe was never an option for Danny Green, he said after confirming his return.

"Coach Roy Williams and the Tar Heel nation should have fun with this crew. Start printing the tickets for the 2009 Final Four in Detroit," writes ESPN.com's Andy Katz.

"The (NCAA) title was won shortly before 5 p.m. Monday, when North Carolina announced that three players - Ty Lawson, Wayne Ellington and Danny Green - had removed their names from the NBA Draft," the Atlanta Journal-Constitution's Mark Bradley opined.

"Demand on airline tickets from Raleigh-Durham to Detroit for next April may experience a dramatic spike in the weeks ahead," the Fayetteville Observer predicted.

The end of a three-month waiting in the weeds brings a lot of hope to this Tar Heel team and its supporters - but also a good deal of pressure.

The trio of Lawson, Ellington and Green entered their names into the NBA Draft pool in April but did not hire agents, leaving open the possibility of their return. The deadline to withdraw was 5 p.m. June 16.

All three Tar Heels attended the pre-draft camp in Orlando last month and spent the next several weeks participating in individual workouts with several NBA teams.

"It was reassuring that the feedback they got from the NBA teams is the same type of feedback our coaching staff has been giving them," coach Roy Williams said in a press release. "I feel strongly that all of these young men will eventually be NBA players. The timing was just not exactly right at this point."

Lawson was perhaps the biggest surprise to withdraw, as many had

predicted him to be taken with the Denver Nuggets' 20th pick.

"The process of 'testing the waters' has given me valuable information about my draft status, and I have decided it would be better to return to school," he said in the release.

Lawson was reportedly the last to decide to return to school and told reporters June 15 he was about "60-40" to stay in the draft.

But now, with the three would-be NBA-ers, the national MVP and one of the country's best benches back in Chapel Hill next year - and a bitter loss to Kansas fresh in the minds of players and fans - maybe the experts are right, and the Tar Heels will be packing their bags for Detroit come April.

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# Notes and quotes from the summer conference

The men's basketball team hadn't appeared for the media in three months, so, when some of the players spoke July 14, they had plenty to talk about.

Marcus Ginyard, Tyler Hansbrough, Wayne Ellington, Danny Green, Deon Thompson and Bobby Frason all spoke, and here are some of the gems the Daily Tar Heel heard:

■ Ginyard on Ty Lawson, Ellington and Green's return to UNC:

"There was a huge celebration, actually, we had an ice cream cake; it was great (laughs). No, but, they just came back, and we just started working out again. It was nothing

special, you know."

■ Green on announcing his return:

"No, there was no big moment for us. I think it was probably a big moment for everybody else, but not for us. It was just us coming back to school and playing ball, doing what we like to do."

■ Ellington on the fans' negative reactions to his potential leaving on message boards:

"You can't really take that stuff personally. Fans want us to stay, and they can't always see both sides."

"I don't even look at the message boards; I don't even know why Ty does. That could be anyone - it

could be a Duke fan, man."

■ Green on the personality test he took for NBA teams:

"What did I learn about my personality? I mean, I didn't learn anything, I know what kind of personality I have. They never gave me back the results, but for the most part, they learned that I was a good kid and that I was OK, I guess."

■ Frason on his least favorite rehab activity:

"There was this one circuit where I'd have to ride a bike with no seat, no handlebars, just a cycle bike, and (trainer Jonas Sahratian) would crank up the intensity so I'm falling all over the place. And then I would go up on this ladder, then

I would do defensive slides, and then come and run in place on a trampoline. And we'd do that four or five times."

■ Ginyard on the new recruit with the most personality:

"Larry Drew probably will be the one that's gonna step out of those four. So it's gonna be interesting to watch that. ... He's just starting to open up his shell and doing whatever else he's going to do - God knows what that's gonna be."

■ Thompson on having two Tylers on the team next season:

"I just call him Zells. It's easier than Tyler Zellers, so, just call him Zells, that's what I've been calling him lately. I think it's starting to

catch on."

■ Frason on Ed Davis:

"Ed, he's got a real cool sense about him. You know, coach Williams says he doesn't like cool, so he'll correct that in the first couple weeks."

■ Hansbrough on the team's roof-jumping escapades:

"We're in college. That was fun to me. We're not going to make the best decisions all the time, but who does?"

"The coaches didn't say much; they just laughed at me."

■ Green on next year's lineup and his dancing:

"I mean, I don't know. It depends. It depends on the start-

ing lineup - I mean if I'm starting, of course I won't be able to dance. We'll see what happens."

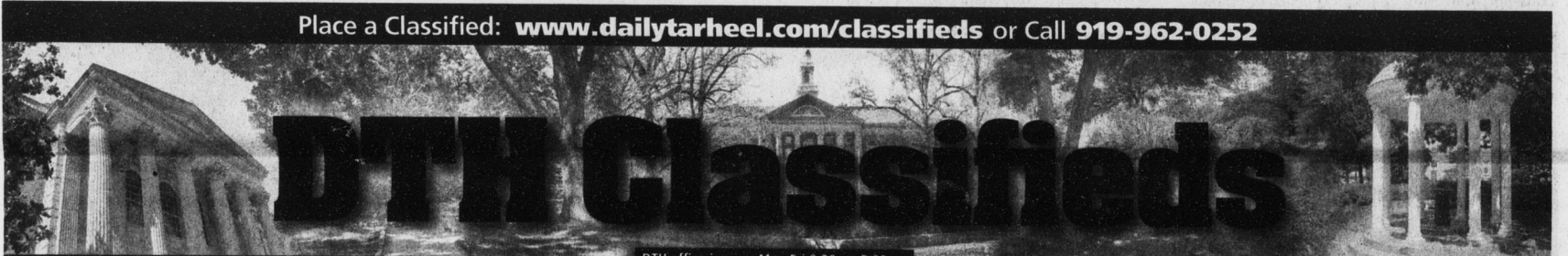
■ Frason on expectations his freshman year and this year:

"It's like night and day, I guess. Freshman year, where Sports Illustrated and people weren't picking us to be in the NCAA Tournament, and we finished second in the ACC and were a three seed."

"That year it was fun to prove people wrong. This year, hopefully we can prove people right, when they're picking us to be number one."

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 7 - If you put your date off until tomorrow the banter will be much lighter. Today, issues will come up that require decisions and commitments.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 7 - You may feel like it's time to break out of your bonds and declare your true feelings. It's not, however, you'll be much more successful if you wait.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is a 7 - Investigate all the various sides of the controversy. You'll find some of your assumptions weren't entirely accurate. The challenge is to determine which, quickly.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is a 5 - Listen and offer hugs to a friend in need of assistance. You might also provide a meal and other encouragement. Your friend can take it from there.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is a 6 - Deliberate carefully before making your next big move. You may have to live with this decision for a long time. Make a comfortable choice.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 7 - Travel is subject to all sorts of delays. Though you want to go, it could turn out to be more of a hassle than it's worth. Visit telephonically, instead.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is an 8 - Don't just race off and start throwing money around. That would be counterproductive. You don't have to buy everything you want.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is a 6 - Discussion grinds to a standstill. Everyone's convinced they're right. Each person thinks his or her position is the only sane one. Not a good day to make suggestions. Save your breath.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is a 7 - You're working hard, but what do you actually have to show for it? Postpone an outing and get a job finished. Relax tomorrow. You're almost done.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is an 8 - As you consider all the options, although the temptation is strong. Looks like you'd be throwing your money away if you don't know what you're doing.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7 - Study opposing points of view. They'll be easy to find; everybody has one. All you have to do is ask a question, and watch them go off.

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